

Springerville Town Council  
Minutes  
Aug. 4, 2010  
6:00p.m.

Council: Mayor Eric Baca, Dan Muth, Connie Hunt, Susie Silva and Ron Thebeau

Staff: Steve West Town Manager, Timothy Shaffery Legal Counsel, Larisa Bogardus Community Dev. and Robert Pena Public Works

Public: Kevin Burk and Elecia Henderson

1. Mayor Baca called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was said.
3. Public Participation: None
4. Manager, Council and Chamber Reports.

Town Manager West reported that a water truck had been donated to the Town by Nelson Garrison and he will be sending a letter of thanks in return. The FY2009 audit will be completed tonight or tomorrow and the FY2010 audit is scheduled for October. Public works recently installed water lines to service the rear of the Town Hall area, including the park, parking lot, Quonset hut and plaza. This will serve landscaping, community gardening, events like car washes, and future park restrooms. Five applications were received for the Round Valley multimodal transportation study, which is being funded by ADOT. He asked if a council member wanted a seat on the selection committee and invited all council members to attend if they are able.

Councilwoman Connie Hunt reported she attended a senior citizens meeting in St. Johns. Topics were food and housing. She learned that most funding for services is not limited to seniors, so if the Town wants to use the money for seniors, it must serve others as well. She also attended a Coalition for Family Values meeting. Adding a "do a good deed" component to the Ready, Set, Relax family evenings was discussed, including a recognition element.

Councilman Dan Muth donated a 1952 edition of a planning textbook published by the University of Arizona to the Community Development Department for use as a reference by staff and council.

5. a. Consider approval of the minutes from the council meeting held on July 21, 2010 at 6:00pm

Ron Thebeau/Dan Muth motion to approve the minutes of the July 21, 2010 meeting.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Connie Hunt
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

6. No old business.

7. SMALL COMMUNITIES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION PLAN & GOOD FAITH COMMITMENT: Discussion and action regarding approving the Small Community Environmental Protection Plan and signing the Good Faith Commitment for the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality.

Dan Muth/Connie Hunt motion to approve the SCEPP Good Faith Commitment.

Discussion:

Public works representative Robert Pena explained that the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality has adopted the federal Environmental Protection Agency guidelines. They are now asking small communities to adopt a Small Communities Environmental Protection Plan to demonstrate their efforts toward compliance. It is basically a compilation of existing conditions, practices, needs, goals and objectives.

Councilman Muth asked if both the water and wastewater systems were addressed and was told yes. Councilwoman Silva clarified that participation is voluntary. Mr. Pena said yes, and added that by participating in the program, the Town is exempt from fines or penalties for violations. Instead, ADEQ will work with the Town to achieve compliance. The Town is required to reviewing and updating the plan each year to demonstrate its ongoing commitment to the program.

Councilman Muth asked if the current storm water drainage system was covered and was told yes. Councilman Thebeau said he didn't like adding another layer of bureaucracy and questioned ADEQ's authority over the Town. He asked the attorney to research the matter.

He also questioned why ADEQ was focusing on Springerville, which treats its wastewater, instead of Eagar, which uses raw ponds and the right to pump untreated sewage into Springerville's system. Councilwoman Hunt asked how many communities were participating in the program. Mr. Pena said Springerville was the first in the state and is serving as a model for others. She asked for an example of penalties imposed on non-SCEPP communities. Mr. Pena said Holbrook was fined when its wastewater treatment plant was flooded. Manager West added that Flagstaff was fined for a water/sewer cross-contamination.

Mr. Pena said ADEQ has to demonstrate its efforts to achieve EPA compliance and the SCEPP helps small communities to demonstrate their efforts.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca Dan Muth Connie Hunt Susan Silva
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	Nays:	Ron Thebeau
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8. TOURISM TAX COMMITTEE: Discussion and action regarding a request from the Tourism Tax Committee to fund the following event:

1. Logging-Climbing Rodeo in the amount of \$500

Susie Silva/ Dan Muth motion to approve the donation of \$500 to the logging/climbing rodeo.

Discussion:

Councilman Thebeau asked if the Tourism Tax Committee had reviewed this request, as it was signed by the Finance Director. Manager West said the recommendation was made by the committee but submitted by the Finance Director.

Elecia Henderson said the logging and climbing rodeo are now separate from Eagar Daze and self-funding. 75 percent of proceeds are put into prizes and the remaining 25 percent is held for the next year's event. More participants are coming from out of state and bigger purses will increase the appeal.

Mayor Baca said it would be nice to have a tax committee member present. Manager West said council has previously wanted a representative of the requesting organization. Councilwoman Hunt said she didn't want committee members to have to attend meetings unnecessarily. Silva said she prefers a representative of the event because they know more about the event and are more passionate about it.

Attorney Shaffery noted the discussion had strayed from the agenda topic.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Connie Hunt
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

9. Adjournment:

Ron Thebeau/ Susie Silva motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

Vote:	Ayes:	Eric Baca
		Dan Muth
		Connie Hunt
		Susan Silva
		Ron Thebeau

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Eric Baca, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Town Clerk

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Springerville Town Council in regular session on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. I further certify that the meeting was duly posted and a quorum was present.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup>. Day of July, 2010.

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Town Clerk